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## POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Last week we spoke of political societies, and advocated their formation, upon whatever political principles might best suit those forming them. The subject is one to be well considered by every citizen of this Territory, for nowhere is there less political education than in Utah, and no where is there greater need of it. Political education in the American States and Territories is as essential as common school education. The genius of a government deriving its powers from the people and acting through representatives everywhere is, so to speak, a new departure in governmental experiments. The Democracy of Athens was in no respect like it, for there the Democracy was the power exercising the power. The English Constitution is our prototype, but we are so unlike it in fundamental theories, which are but badly understood, as to lead many to think we are the same in a new dress only. The English Constitution was the growth of centuries, and its modifications are all made by time. The American Constitution was created and formulated by conventions, conventions whose inspiration came from English institutions as modified by colonial charters and new surroundings. Inspiration also came from France, and the ideas of Voltaire, of Rousseau, of Diderot and the encyclopedists found a partial but practical expression in the American Constitution, and it is changed only by amendment. The English Constitution was founded upon the rights of classes, while the American Constitution was founded on the rights of man. King John signing the Magna Carta at Runnymede was King John recognizing the rights of the barons and the existence of the feudal system; while the refusal of John Hampden to pay his eighteen shillings, and thereby plunging the nation into civil war, was the middle class asserting its rights and privileges. William of Normandy, at Senlac, had asserted the rights of force and the crown, while the attempts of Wilkes and Bradlaugh to have the laboring classes recognized have been but partial in their success. The extension of the county franchise has done much in this direction, but more remains. In England the constitution was crown, aristocracy and middle classes, the stepping stone to aristocracy. In France, up to the revolution, it was crown, clergy and *tiers etat*. Since then it has been empire, restoration, republics, *coups d'etat* and anarchy. To-day it is the Republic with the masses content, but with Communards threatening. In the United States it is the General Government and the State governments, with the people everywhere in the ascendancy.

These are preliminary studies for political societies, and must be mastered. Another thing that must be done in Utah in acquiring political education is to study the source of our political power, the Organic Act, and the manner in which we acquired it. The interpretation of the Organic Act will be various, and to have it remain various is a thing much to be wished for. The recognition of the source, will necessarily lead to its exploration; and in exploring the Constitution, it will be found that the Supreme Court of the United States is by the Constitution itself given the power and authority to decide all questions arising under it, and not the *Deer Creek Evening News* nor the *Salt Lake Tribune*. Having learned this it will be well to search the decisions of that court to find whether the Constitution is being "torn to tatters," and then ground to pulp to print *ex cathedra* rulings on, and then there will be no more, or not so much, searching in Spain for that fact and finding evidence of it in earthquakes at Malaga. Having escaped Scylla beware of Charybdis, for while one would lead to elysian fields, the other may cast you on the "night's plutonian shore," and self-styled patriots are not always safe pilots, and under liberalism there may lurk ultra-Republicanism and license.

Remember the end does not justify the means, and that proper ends can always be arrived at by proper means. Remember that ours is a representative government, and that all powers of the government are derived from the consent you give, and not the consent which is given you. In forming societies for political education rely on yourselves, and recollect that any advice from any source to rely on another is bad advice.

## RESOLVED.

The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the Salt Lake State have been holding a conference in this city, and have created some talk by their action in regard to the "crusade" now going on. What is this crusade, and what are these persecutions with which the air is filled and whose cries rend the ear? It is simply this, a continued prosecution of a continued violation of the laws of the United States. It is simply what should be so long as the laws under which the indictments are brought remain upon the statute books. The repeal of the law of 1862, the Poland law, and the Edmunds law has never once been called for by the People's Party. Their platform have never mentioned them, and have neither suggested what should be nor what should not be. Montague Tigg has been a chief adviser, and "how not to do it" their whole policy.

The assembled Associations have

adopted a long set of resolutions, the preamble of which says:

"Whereas, There exists in the Territory of Utah at the present time, a conspiracy against the peace and liberties of the community of Latter-day Saints generally, and our parents and friends particularly," and so forth.

The Associations should have gone farther, and told suffering humanity where the conspiracy is, and whom they suspect as being at its head. If we are wrong in our surmises, correct us; if we are right, say so; for here is the conspiracy and these the conspirators: A determination, by United States officers, to enforce the United States laws against polygamy in United States Territories. The chief conspirators, locally, are Chief Justice Zane, United States Attorney Dickinson, and United States Marshal Ireland; and at the back of these arch conspirators there stand men whose names are alien and strange in Utah, and among these unknown names are Grover Cleveland, Thomas F. Bayard, Lucius Q. C. Lamar, Augustus H. Garland (*ex parte* Garland), and others. Had James Buchanan had in his Cabinet such advisers and keen lovers of the Constitution as these Associates, the conspiracy which went on in his very presence would have been detected and crushed in its incipency, and many millions of treasure and many hundreds of thousands of lives would have been saved, and Grant would never have been known. Is it not time to bring these conspirators to justice, and call for their impeachment? To know of a conspiracy and not denounce it is to be accessory before the fact.

Evidently something is wrong in the enforcement of the laws made in pursuance of the Constitution, and it is of great, it is of vital interest to the people to know what it is. Is it the law that is wrong or its enforcement? Which?

Rumor this morning says that Mr. Dickinson has been removed from his office. Knowing the effort was being made at Washington to have it done, we made an investigation, only partial, true, and find the rumor to be based upon the fact that there has been a strong effort made to have Mr. Dickinson removed. The effort was started here, and at Washington was furthered by ex-Delegate Cannon and Delegate Caine. But it is satisfactory to know that the effort was futile, and that Mr. Dickinson will without doubt remain. His efforts to enforce the law are known and appreciated in Washington, and conspiracies gotten up on affidavits will do no good, even when sanctioned by the *People's Party*. Gentlemen, your game and your craft are known, and they have become naught.

HARPER'S Magazine for April is exceptionally good, and contains as a frontispiece a fine portrait of Abraham Lincoln, from a photograph in the possession of W. P. Garrison, Esq. It is doubtless intended as a rival to the Daniel Webster in the Century for March, and if so is in all ways successful. The portrait shows what is so characteristic of all Americans who have been exceptionally strong in stormy times—the large, rather coarse, but firm, set mouth. It was the same in Washington, it is the same in Grant, and is entirely different from the finely cut mouths of the heroes of English freedom. W. H. Russell (Bull Run Russell) has a very entertaining article on "The Prince of Wales at Sandringham." It is well illustrated, and the portraits are very like, those of the Prince and his son Albert Victor, being better than that of the Princess, one of the most beautiful and charming women of Europe. The illustration on page 762 of the Princess driving past "Alexandra Cottages," will recall her to many as they have seen her driving down Piccadilly to Hyde Park Corner, with only her little girls and a single footman. It is the Princess, not the Prince, who makes royalty respected in England.

The number also contains an opportune article on "Fly Fishing."

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